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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants are submitting the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified) for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application.

The subject application is a Divisional Application of U.S. Application No. 09/329,796, filed June 10, 1999. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), patent documents and published articles which were cited in the prior application are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449, but copies of these documents are not enclosed as they were provided in the prior application.

Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

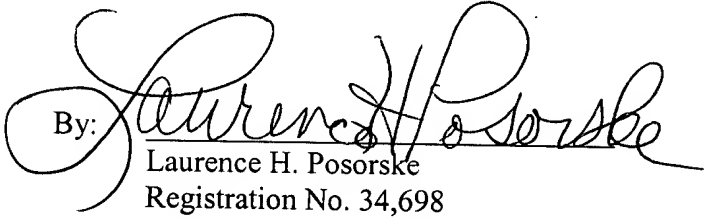
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be submitted prior to issuance of a first Office Action and within three months of the filing date of the application. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for

consideration of this information. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

Respectfully submitted,

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